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**IN THE CLAIMS**

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1-105. (Canceled)

106. (New) A method of awarding a progressive prize using a bank of gaming machines, each gaming machine accepting different bets per play as selected by a player, the method comprising:

allowing the player to bet a plurality of credits for a single play at a gaming machine in the bank of gaming machines;

initiating the single play at the gaming machine;

selecting a random number within a predetermined fixed range of numbers in response to the initiating step, wherein the predetermined fixed range of numbers does not change during the single play;

allotting to the player a plurality of numbers for each credit of the plurality of credits bet by the player for the single play, wherein the allotted numbers comprise a subset of the predetermined fixed range of numbers; and

awarding the progressive prize to the player when the selected random number matches one of the allotted numbers.

107. (New) The method of claim 106, wherein each gaming machine in the bank of gaming machines has identical play characteristics.

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